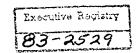


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The Honorable William J. Casey Director The Central Intelligence Agency Washington, D.C. 20505

Dear Mr. Casey:

A New York-based newsletter, Israel Update, in its April 26th issue claims that on the eve of the bombing of the American Embassy in Beirut, Israeli security sources warned the Americans that a major act of sabotage was going to take place." It said that according to information acquired by Israel, terrorist organizations under direct Syrian control were planning to attack two U.S. envoys, Ambassadors Habib and Draper. The item adds:

"Israel passed the information that it received on to the U.S. Israel intelligence sources even suggested possible locations for attack; during Habib's visit, a few days before the bombing, or, the American Embassy, following Habib's visit to Cairo.

"This was actually a second warning. As previously published, these Israelis had already warned Habib six months ago of the possible danger to the Embassy."

Could you have someone let me know whether this is correct, particularly whether such warnings were received from the Israeli government or Israeli sources, and if so, what action was taken as a result of these warnings."

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